CORRECT! THE NINTH HEAVEN EMPYREAN STEPS ARE DIVIDED INTO 9 PHASES, AND EACH PHASE CONSISTS OF 111 STEPS.

PHASES ARE HUGELY DIFFERENT FROM EACH OTHER.

TANG SAN FINISHED THE FIRST PHASE CROSSING WITH HIS MIGHTY POWER.

BUT NOW...HE MAY ALREADY BE IN DEEP CONFUSION...

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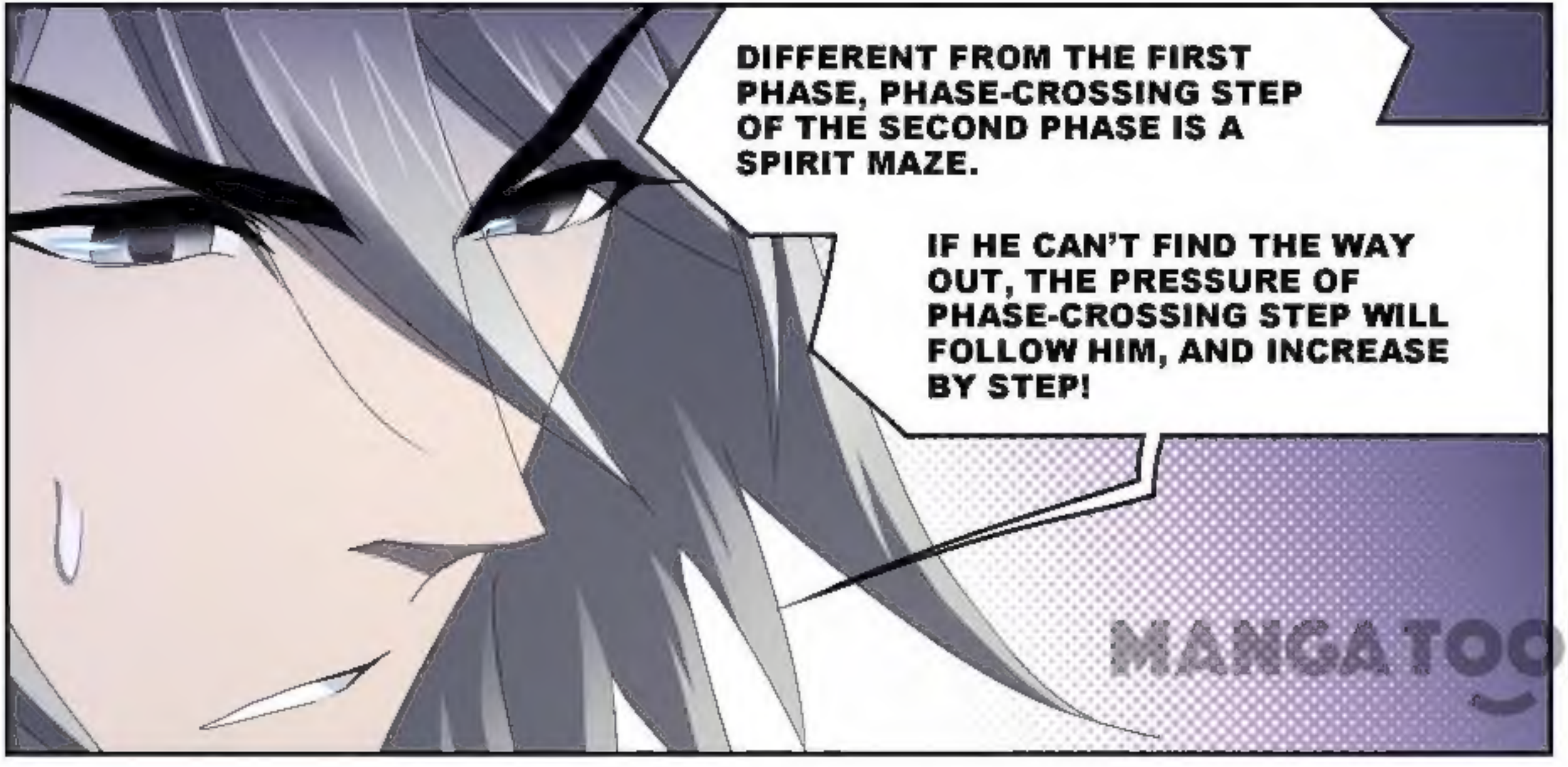
IT'S A
SPIRIT MAZE.


DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST PHASE, PHASE-CROSSING STEP OF THE SECOND PHASE IS A SPIRIT MAZE.
IF HE CAN'T FIND THE WAY OUT, THE PRESSURE OF PHASE-CROSSING STEP WILL FOLLOW HIM, AND INCREASE BY STEP!
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NEVER CAME OUT OF THE MAZE!

HE...

CLIMBED THERE UNDER PRESSURES OF BOTH OCEANUS LIGHT AND PHASE-CROSSING STEP.

ALTHOUGH HE'S ONLY ON STEP 246, THE PRESSURE HE'S FACING...

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MAY HAVE REACHED
STEP 300!

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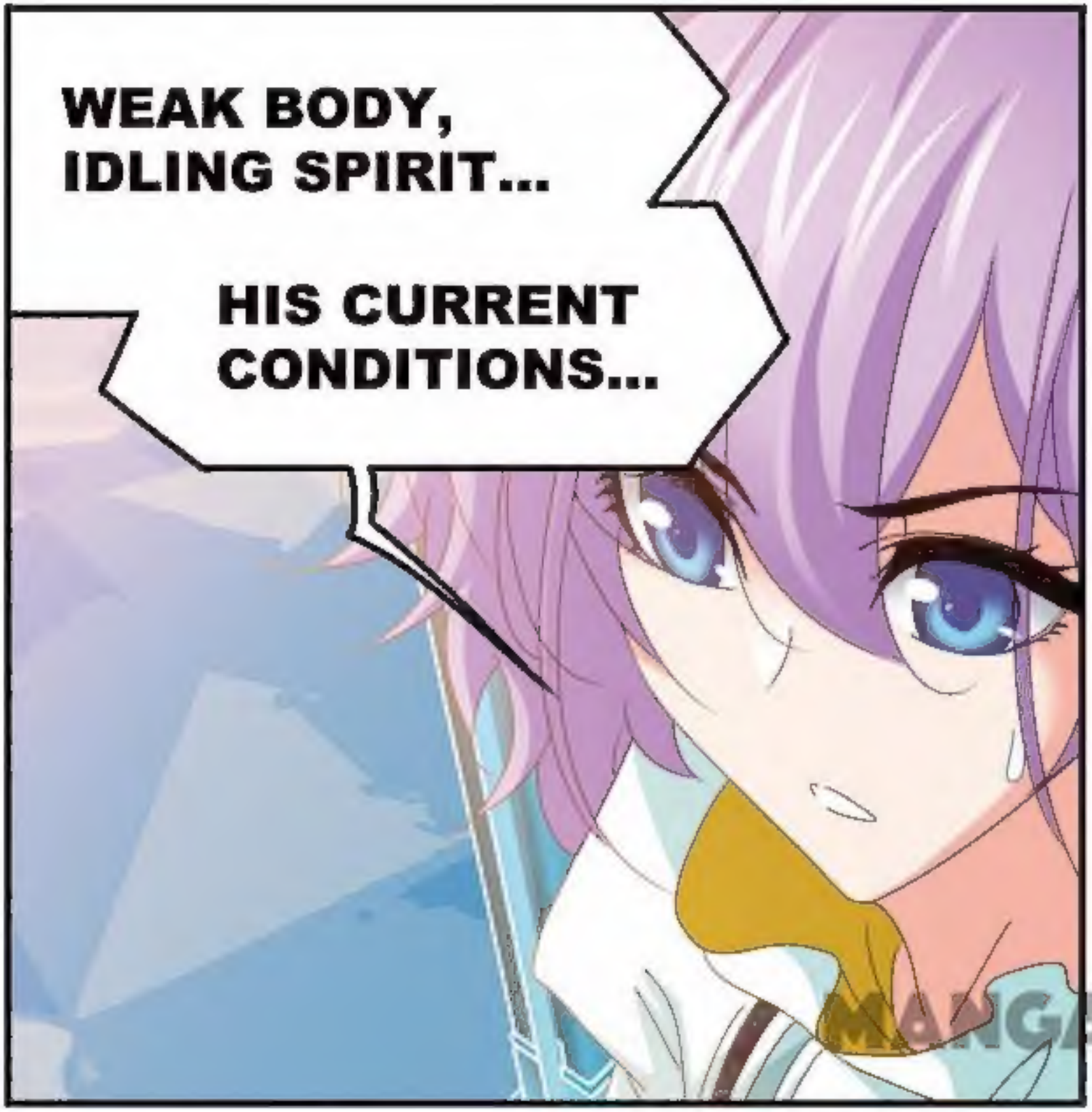

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HE'LL FAIL.
MAKE A BACKUP PLAN!
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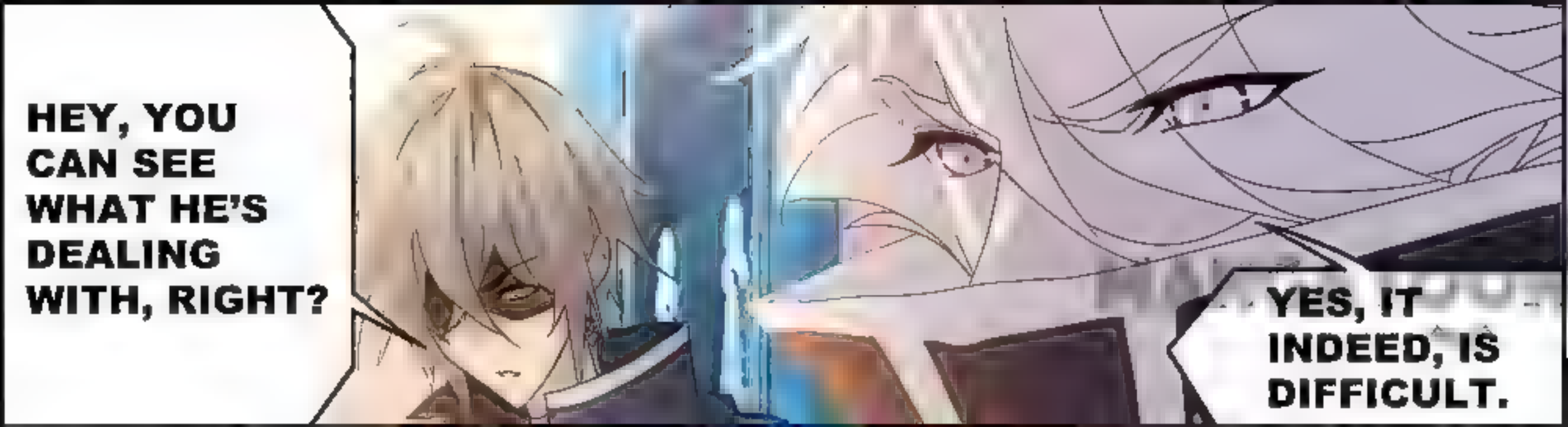
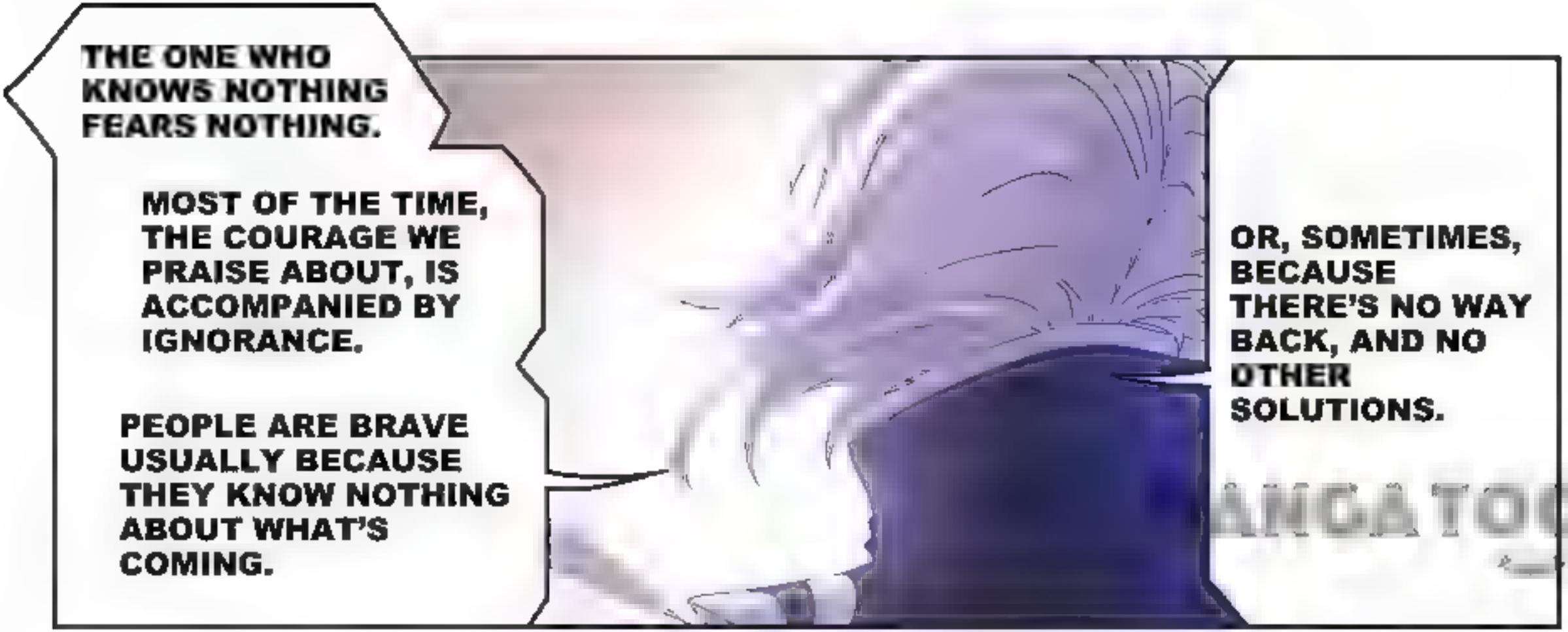

HEY, YOU CAN SEE WHAT HE'S DEALING WITH, RIGHT?
YES, IT INDEED, IS DIFFICULT.

NOBODY, OUT OF INSTINCT...

WHIZ!

NOBODY CAN FACE VISIBLE
PAINS OR ATTACKS!


THE ONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING FEARS NOTHING.
MOST OF THE TIME, THE COURAGE WE PRAISE ABOUT, IS ACCOMPANIED BY IGNORANCE.
PEOPLE ARE BRAVE USUALLY BECAUSE THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT WHAT'S COMING.
OR, SOMETIMES, BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY BACK, AND NO OTHER SOLUTIONS.

IN MY OPINION, THAT'S NOT TRUE COURAGE.

TRUE COURAGE IS TO FIGHT DIFFICULTIES.

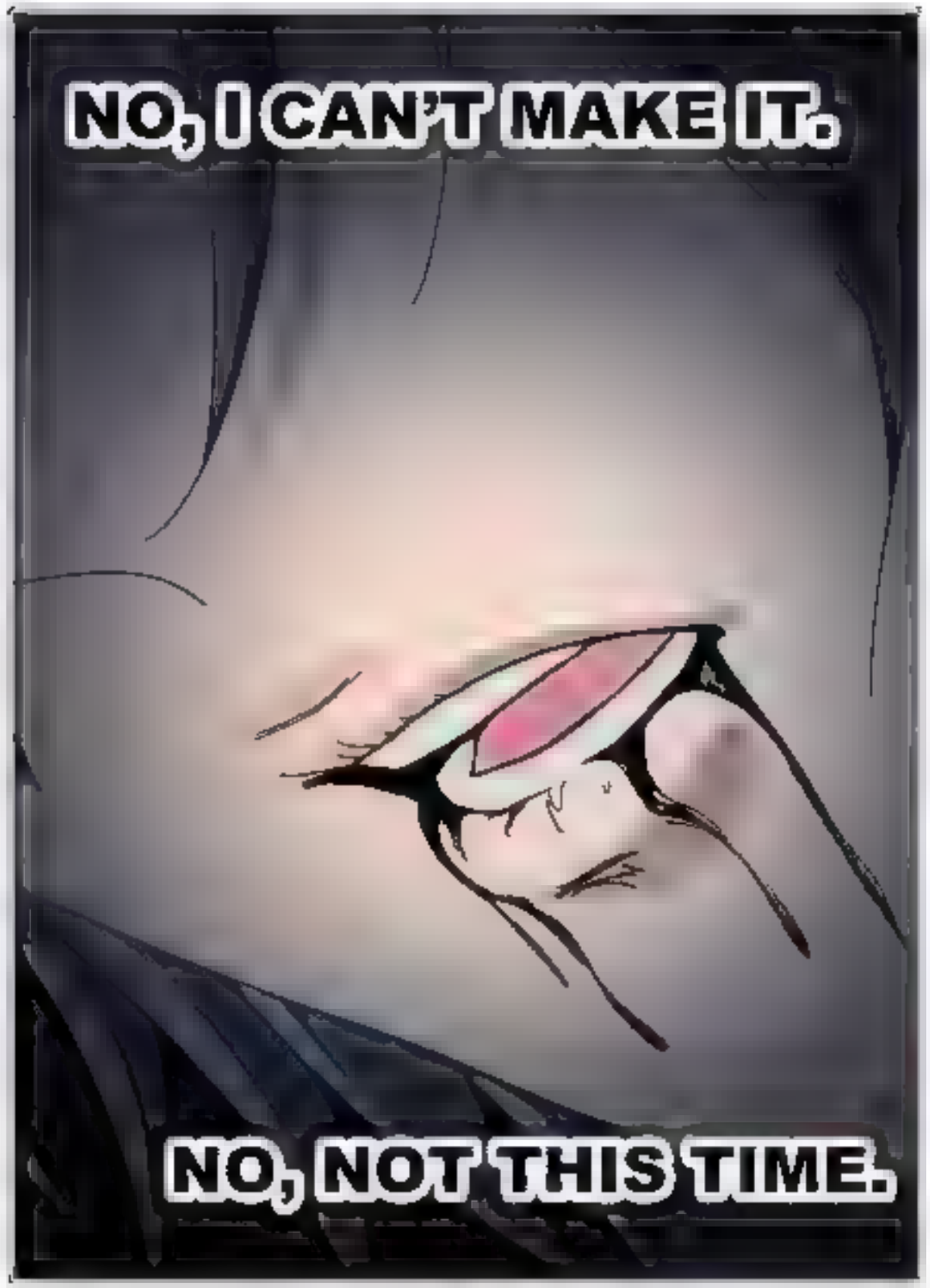
TO FACE THE THINGS THAT ARE
PIERCING, EVEN DESTROYING YOU...

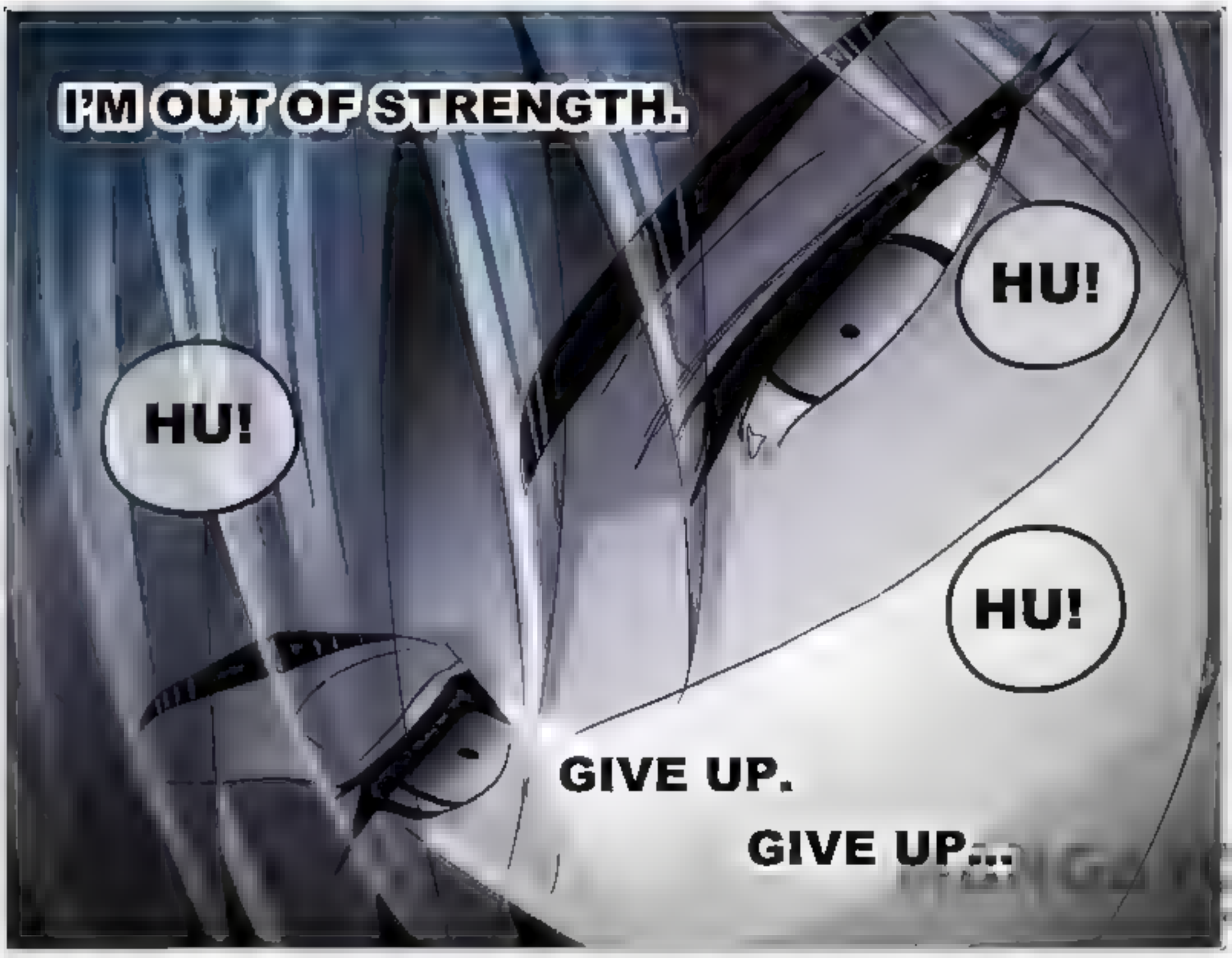
INFINITE FEAR IN THE HEART.

AND TO GO FORWARD.

CLICK!

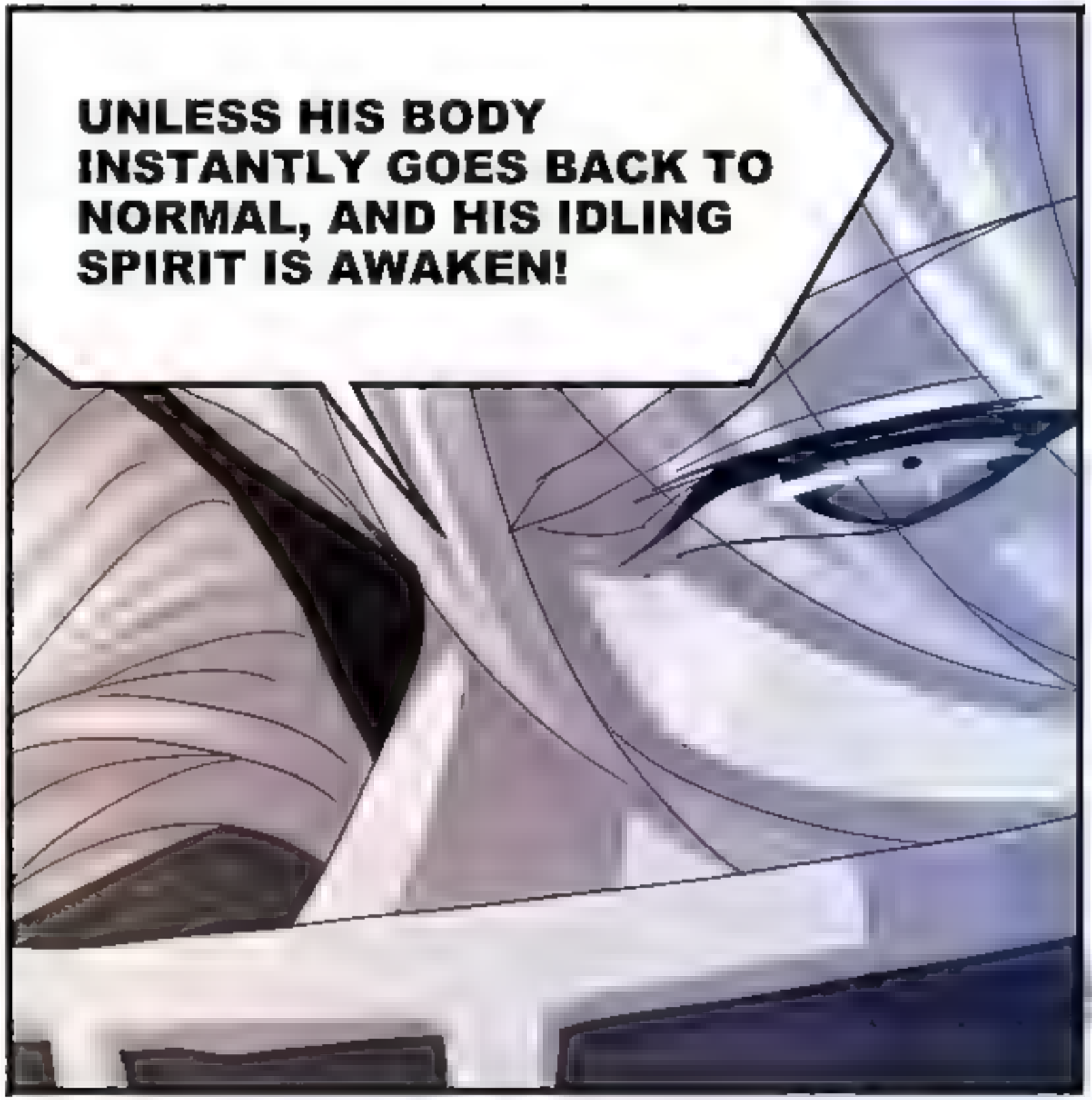
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE


NO, I CAN'T MAKE IT.
NO, NOT THIS TIME.


I'M OUT OF STRENGTH.
HU!
HU!
HU!
GIVE UP.
GIVE UP...

WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
WHY AM I HERE?
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WHO...AM I?

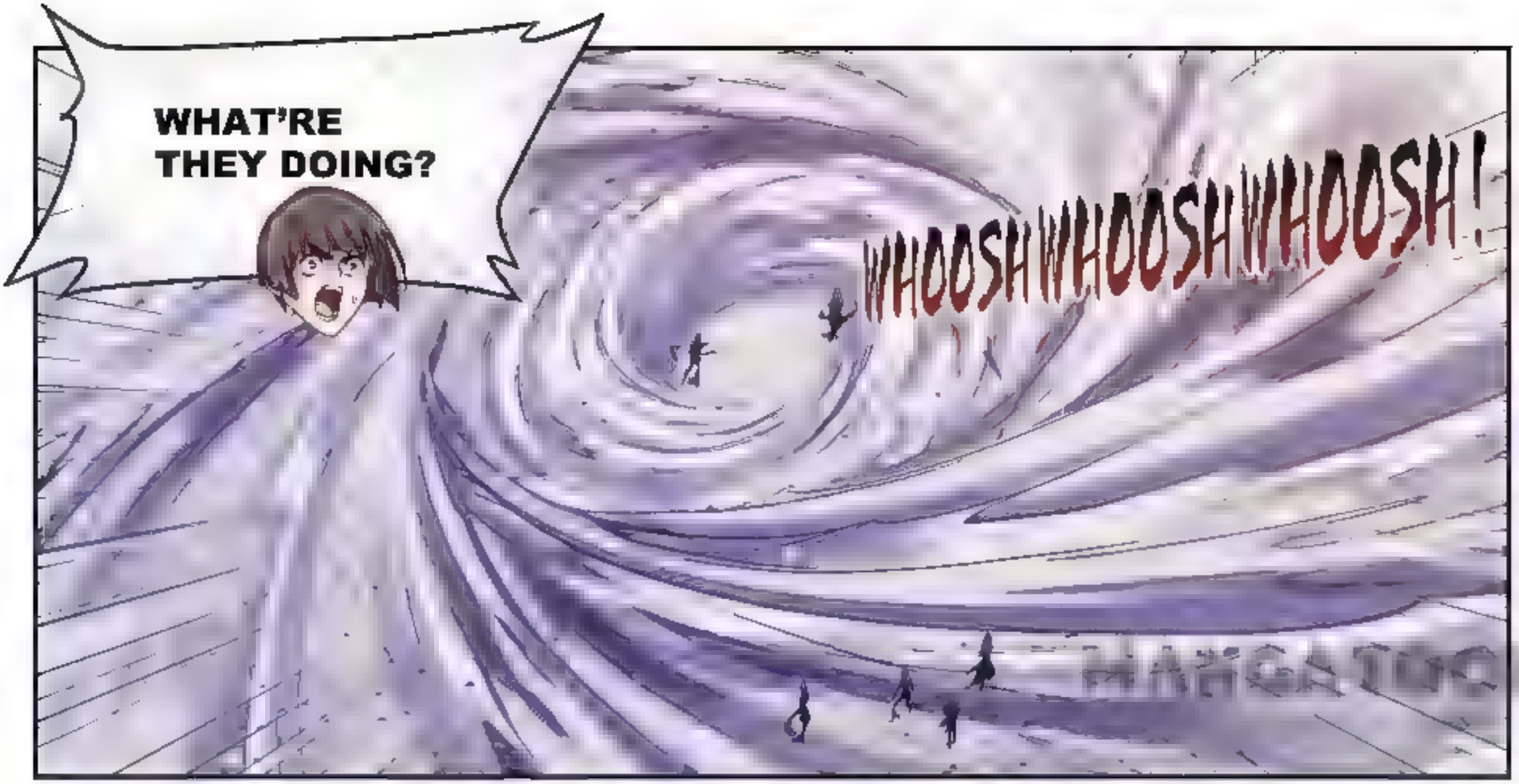
HE CAN'T FAIL!
NO OTHER WAY?
YES. UNLESS...
UNLESS WHAT?


UNLESS HIS BODY INSTANTLY GOES BACK TO NORMAL, AND HIS IDLING SPIRIT IS AWAKEN!

DAMN, IF ONLY I'M ALLOWED TO HELP...
PONG!

RELAX, WE STILL GET OTHER LITTLE GUYS.

THOSE TWO SUPPORTING GUYS DO HAVE STRONG POWERS, BUT IN FRONT OF THIS...


WHAT'RE THEY DOING?
WHOOSH WHOOSH WHOOSH!

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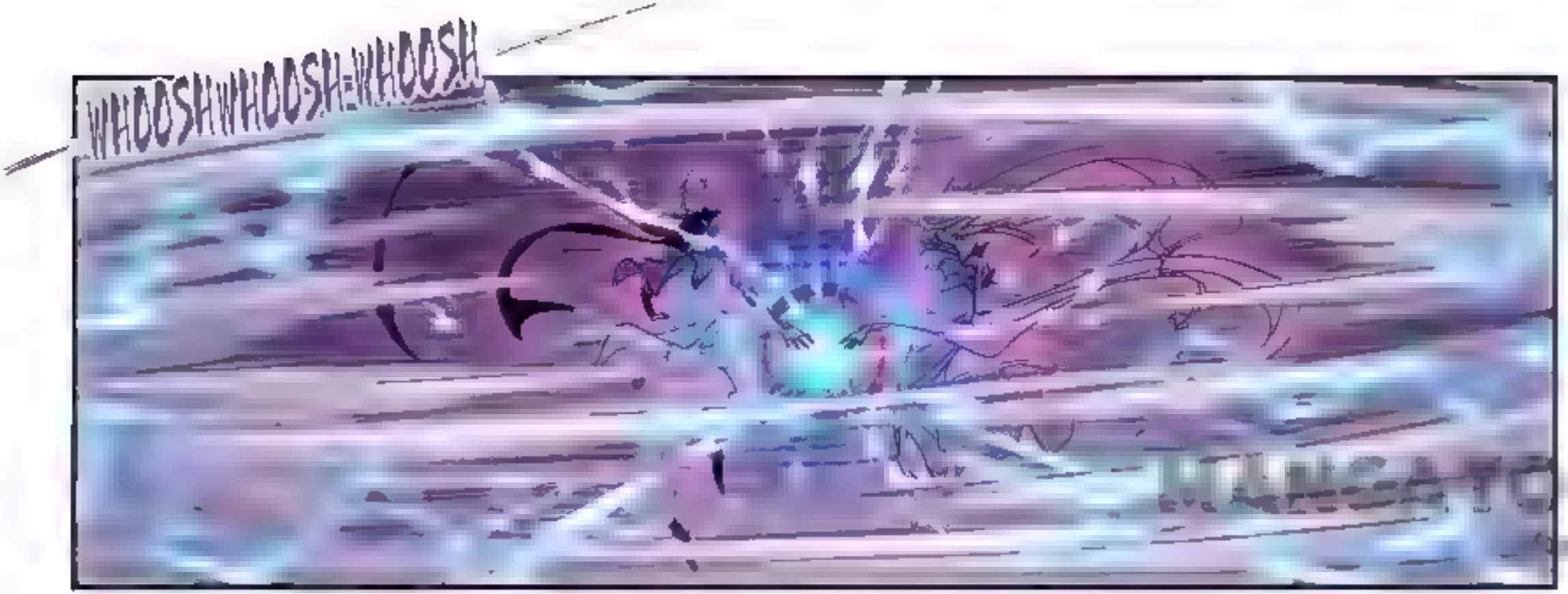
NOT COOL! DO THEY WANT TO DIE?!


WHOOSHWHOOSH-WHOOSH

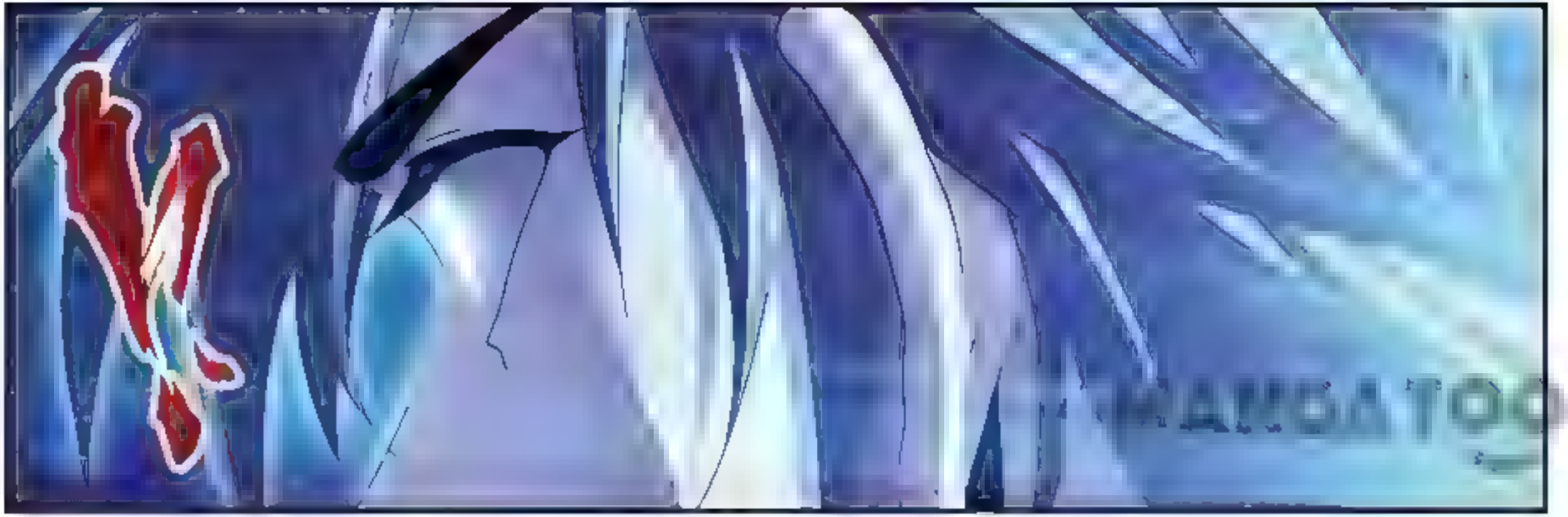
PHASE 16, FULL ATTRIBUTE INCREASE BY 50%!

BUZZ

BROTHER SAN.
THIS IS A PRESENT FROM US!

MARTIAL SOUL FUSION SKILL
—— FULL & DELICIOUS FOOD!
BUZZ.!

OH?!
IT'S...



BROTHER SAN, THIS LIGHT WILL NOT GO OFF BEFORE YOU FINISH THE TEST!

BUZZ!

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FULL ATTRIBUTE INCREASE BY 50%!

SOUL FORCE INCREASE BY 100%!

MANGATOON

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WHAT'S THIS?

WHY I FEEL FULL OF POWER?!

MANGATOON

THEY?
WHO ARE THEY?
MANGATOON